

The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of an offshore oil platform. The platform is a complex structure with multiple levels, yellow railings, and a helipad on top. It is situated in the middle of a blue ocean with white-capped waves. The text is overlaid on this image.

Overview of Section 999D(a)

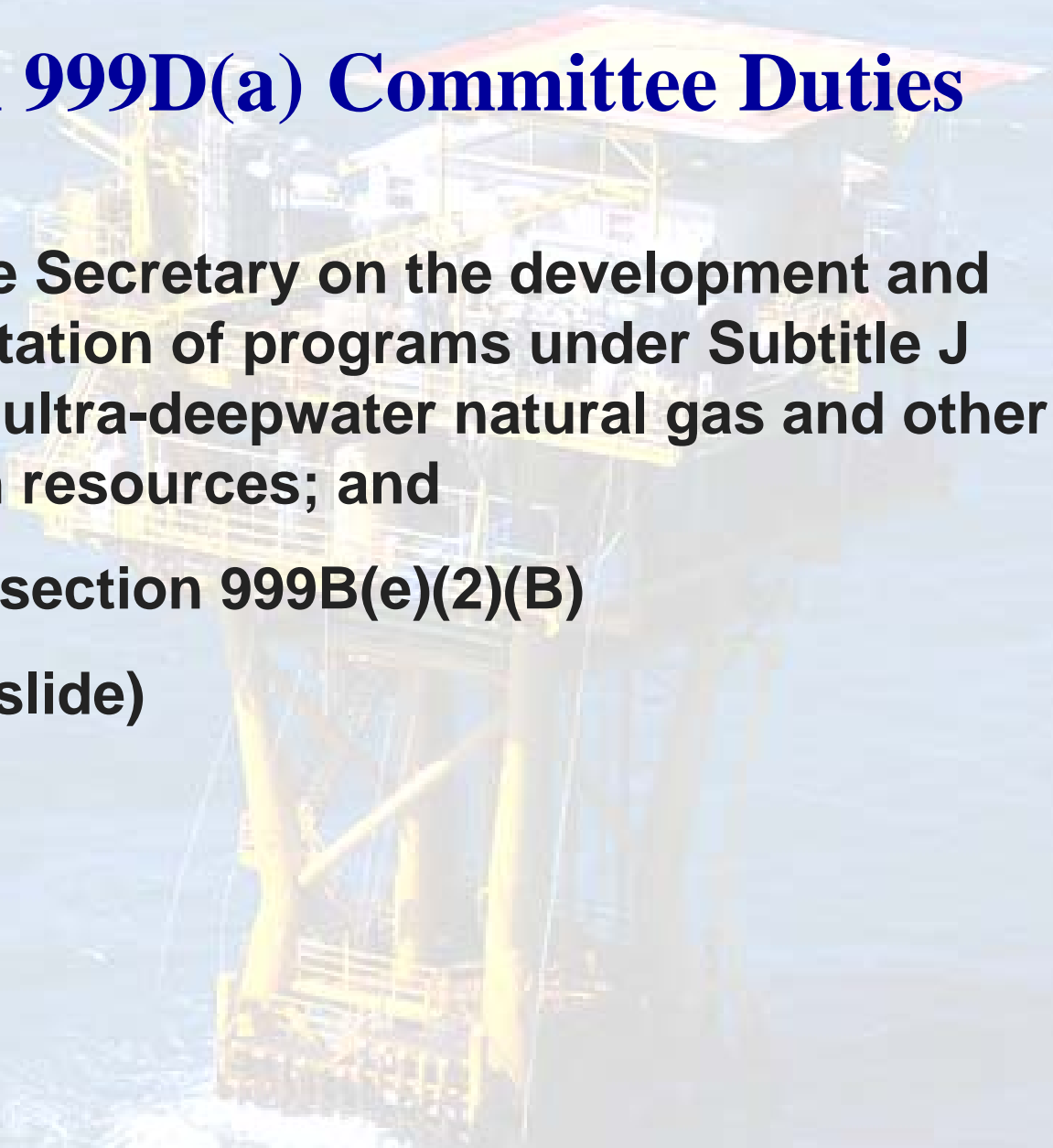
Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee

Section 999D(a) Membership Categories

- **Individuals with extensive research experience or offshore operational knowledge**
- **Individuals broadly representative of affected interests in ultra-deepwater oil and gas, including environment and safety**
- **No federal employees**
- **No board members, officers, or employees of the program consortium (RPSEA)**

Section 999D(a) Committee Duties

- **Advise the Secretary on the development and implementation of programs under Subtitle J related to ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resources; and**
- **Carry out section 999B(e)(2)(B)**
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Section 999D(a) Annual Plan Process

- **Section 999B(e)(2)(B):** The Secretary shall submit the recommendations of the program consortium (the draft annual plan) to the advisory committees and such advisory committees shall provide the Secretary written comments by a date determined by the Secretary.
- **Section 999B(e)(3):** The Secretary shall transmit to Congress and publish in the Federal Register the annual plan, along with any written comments received.